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Re: Application of Toshio WATANABE
TEAT CUP FOR LABORATORY ANIMALS
Assignee: NIHON UNIVERSITY
Our Ref: Q94471

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application. Also enclosed is a copy the first page of WO 2005/041646 A1.
- ☒ 6 sheet(s) of drawings.
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a copy of the ISR (Form PCT/ISA/210).
- ☒ a copy of the Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document (Form PCT/IB/304).
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☐ a Preliminary Amendment.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

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It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).

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Priority is claimed from:

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